

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Betz (U.S. Patent No. 5,165,233). Claims 3 and 4 have been rejected, but would be allowable is rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 3, and has also cancelled claim 3, as the Examiner has indicated that this would place the application in allowable form. The Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In addition, Applicant has submitted new claims 5 and 6. Claim 5 combines the limitations of original claim 4 with original claim 1. Claim 6 is the same as claim 2, but depends from claim 5. Applicant asserts that the new claims are novel and non-obvious and requests that they be allowed.

CONCLUSION

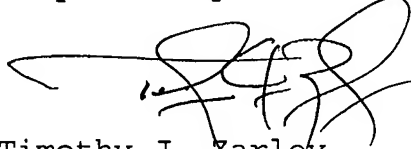
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that claims 1-2 and 4-6 are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such claims.

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200. All fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this response are attached hereto; however, consider this a request for any extension

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Respectfully submitted,

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